

**JOINT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**69A Hagood Avenue**  
**Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107**  
**and**  
**THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**  
**Office of Environmental Quality Control**  
**Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section**  
**2600 Bull Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

REGULATORY DIVISION  
Refer to: P/N # 2003-1H-182-C

13 June 2003

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.), and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**BEC 2**  
**c/o BERRY COGGESHALL**  
**9356 HIGHWAY 17 BY-BASS**  
**GARDEN CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29576**

for a permit to construct a community dock and boat ramp in

**COLLINS CREEK**

located on a 295-acre tract adjacent to Collins Creek Road, off of Journeys End Road, Horry and Georgetown Counties, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.57104°, Longitude: 79.08617°)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

**NOTICE**

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

**12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 14 JULY 2003**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing a concrete, pile supported boat ramp and a fixed boardwalk with floating staging dock. In detail, the concrete boat ramp is proposed as 16'4" wide (15' driving surface with 8" curbs) by approximately 102' long. The elevated concrete boat ramp will be supported by concrete piles and will require 35 cubic yards of excavation (204 square feet) to achieve the necessary slope for launching and retrieving boats. The dock facility is proposed as a 9'4" wide (8' wide deck surface and 8" width for rails) by approximately 80' long wooden boardwalk/dock approach, with a 4' x 20' aluminum gangway that connects to an 8' x 120' floating staging dock. The staging dock will extend approximately 16' into the creek, approximately 19% of the channel width. The proposed boat ramp and dock approach will extend through approximately 90' of forested freshwater swamp to the edge of Collins Creek and will necessitate approximately 2340 square feet of hand clearing (+/- 1530 sq. ft. for the boat ramp and +/- 810 sq. ft. for the dock approach). The purpose of the

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proposed work, as stated by the applicant, is to provide economically feasible and functional access from the project site to Collins Creek and area waterways for residents of the planned residential community. As compensatory mitigation for the proposed work the applicant proposes to preserve, by restrictive covenants, 76.80 acres of freshwater bottomland hardwood swamp forest adjacent to Collins Creek. However, the applicant does request that provisions to selectively clear approximately 28.23 acres of the mitigation area associated with specific waterfront lots and the amenities site be made for dock access and views to the creek.

**NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. A copy of the proposed mitigation plan is available for review at the address below between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, by appointment only. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION  
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Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107**

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification or the navigable waters permit must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.08-acre of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has made no determination of effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any Federally listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion

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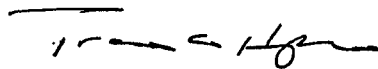
in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

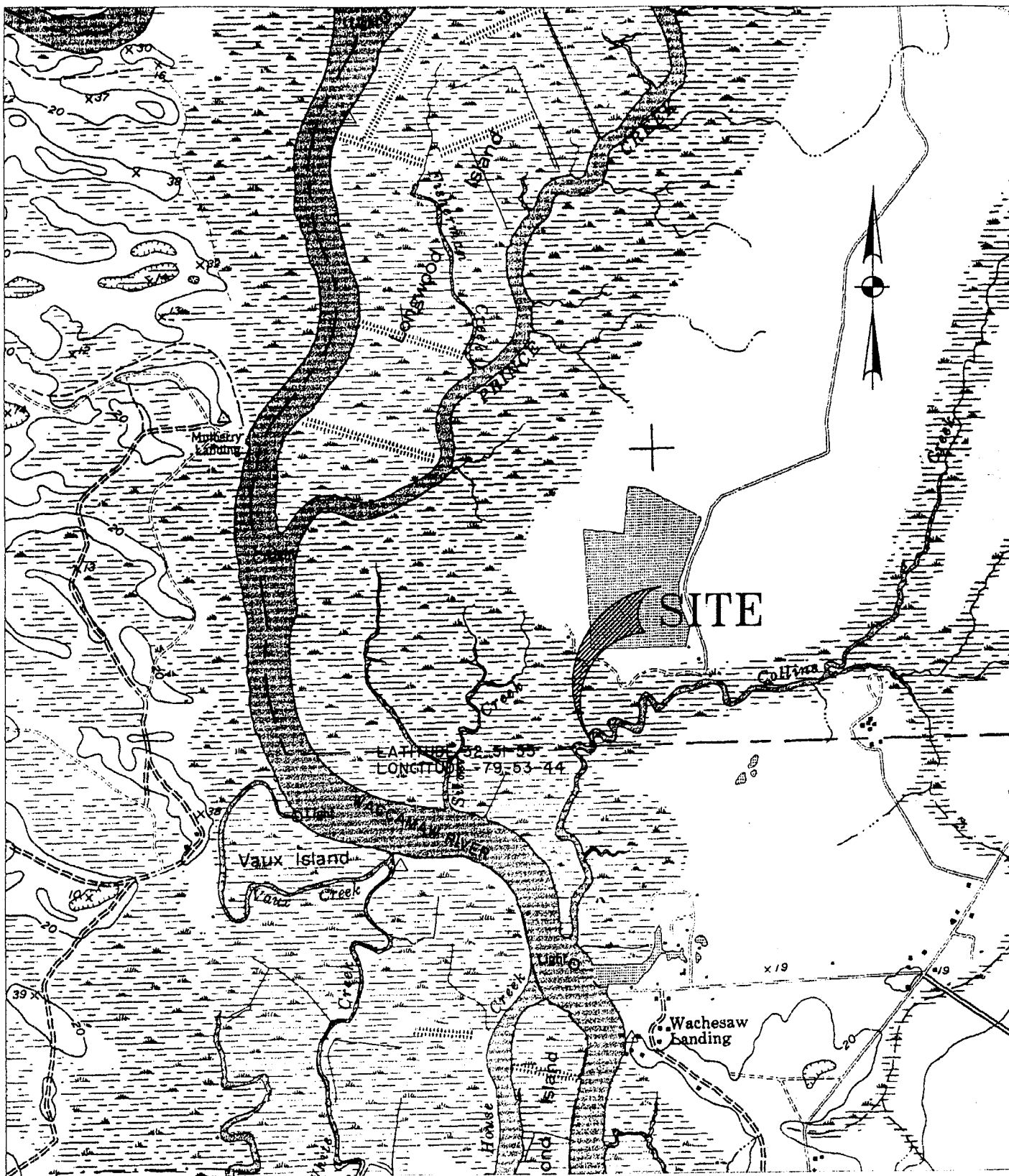
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Travis Hughes  
Project Manager  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



# QUADRANGLE MAP

BROOKGREEN  
QUADRANGLE MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
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COLLINS CREEK

SHEET I OF II

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:  
COMMUNITY BOAT RAMP  
COUNTY: GEORGETOWN  
LOCATION: COLLINS CREEK  
APPLICANT:  
BEC2  
DATE: 1/20/03  
REVISED: 4/16/03



## VICINITY MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
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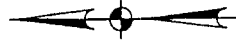
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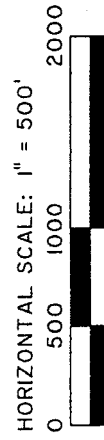
COMMUNITY BOAT RAMP



AMMENITY/PARKING AREA

APPROXIMATELY 330 LOTS

## SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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PROPOSED BOAT RAMP  
AND FLOATING DOCKS

HORRY COUNTY  
GEORGETOWN COUNTY

WACCAMAW RIVER

5683-27-1576

COLLINS CREEK

5683-25-4602

5683-25-8684

5683-25-4305

SCALE: 1" = 600'

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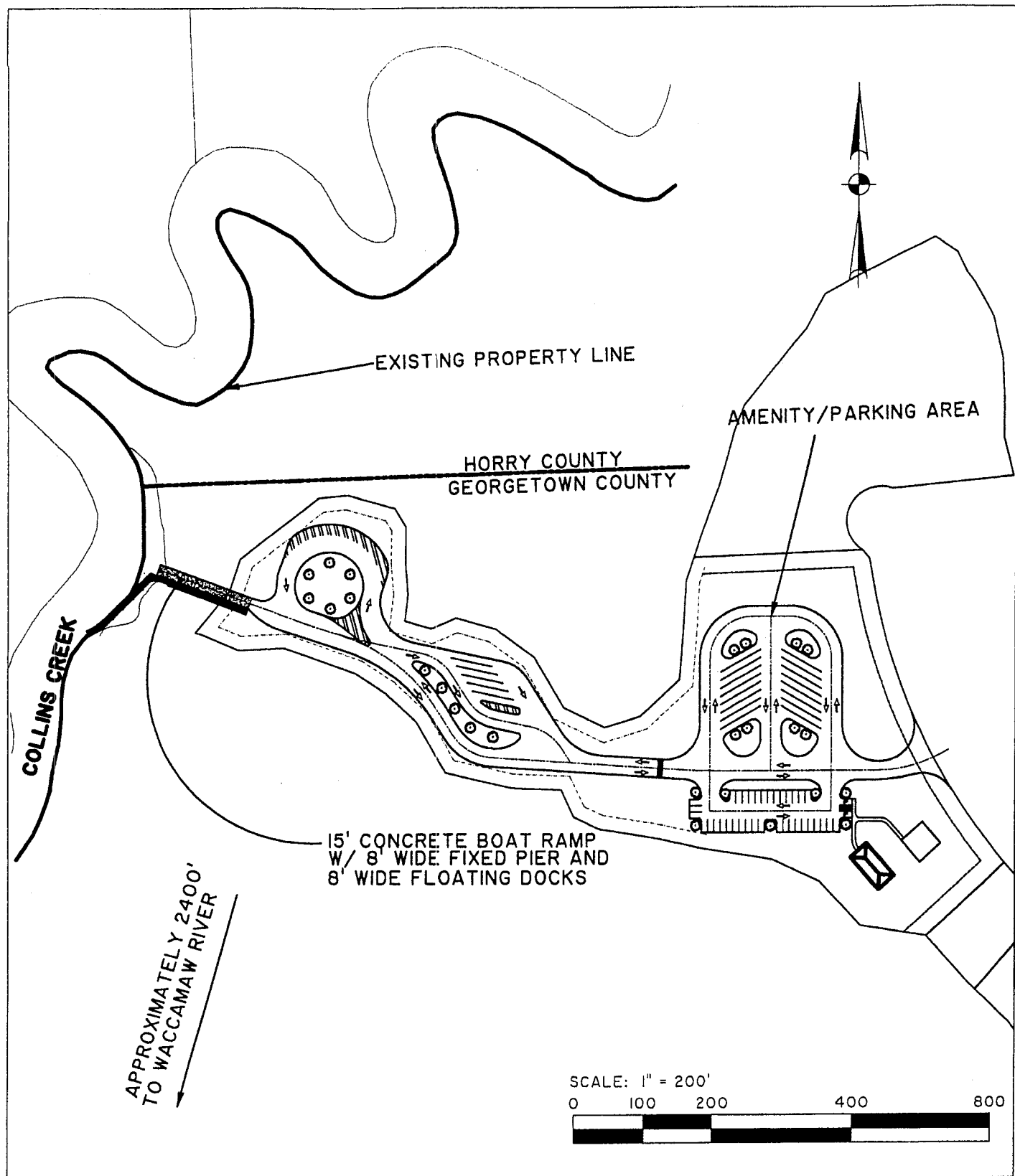
## TAX MAP REFERENCE MAP

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## SITE LOCATION MAP

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EXISTING PROPERTY LINE  
FROM GIS MAPPING  
FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

HORRY COUNTY  
GEORGETOWN COUNTY

EDGE OF  
WETLAND

MEAN HIGH WATER  
EL 2.65

CONCRETE BOAT RAMP W/ CURBING  
AND SAFETY RAILING

8 X 120' FIXED PIER

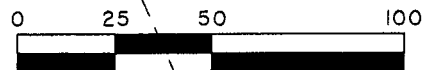
4 X 20 ALUMINUM GANGWAY

8' X 120' FLOATING DOCK SYSTEM

APPROXIMATE EDGE OF VEGETATION

APPROXIMATE AREA OF IMPACT: .06 ACRES  
APPROXIMATE EXCAVATION: 35 CU YDS

SCALE: 1" = 50'



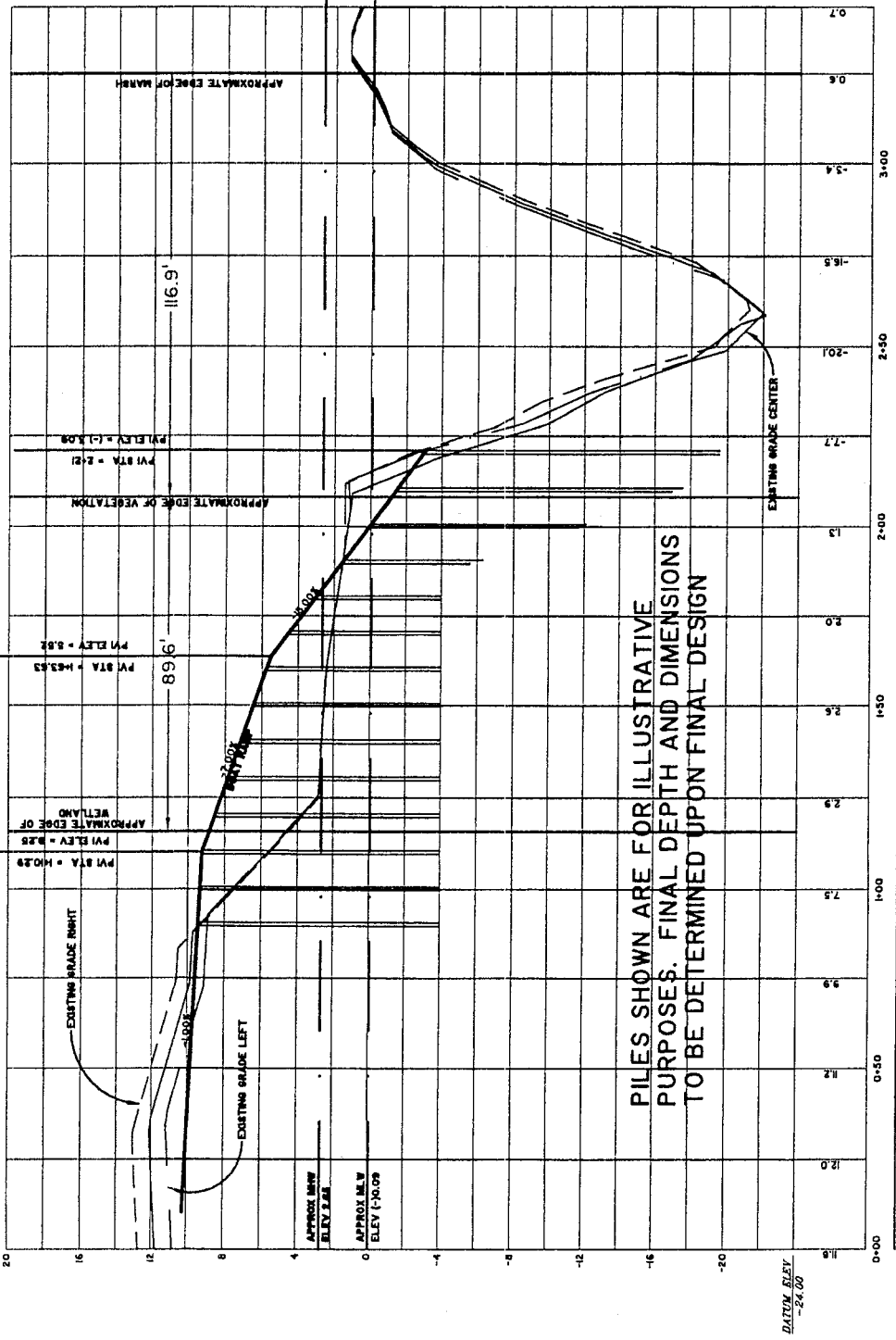
## PLAN VIEW

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HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 50'

VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 10'

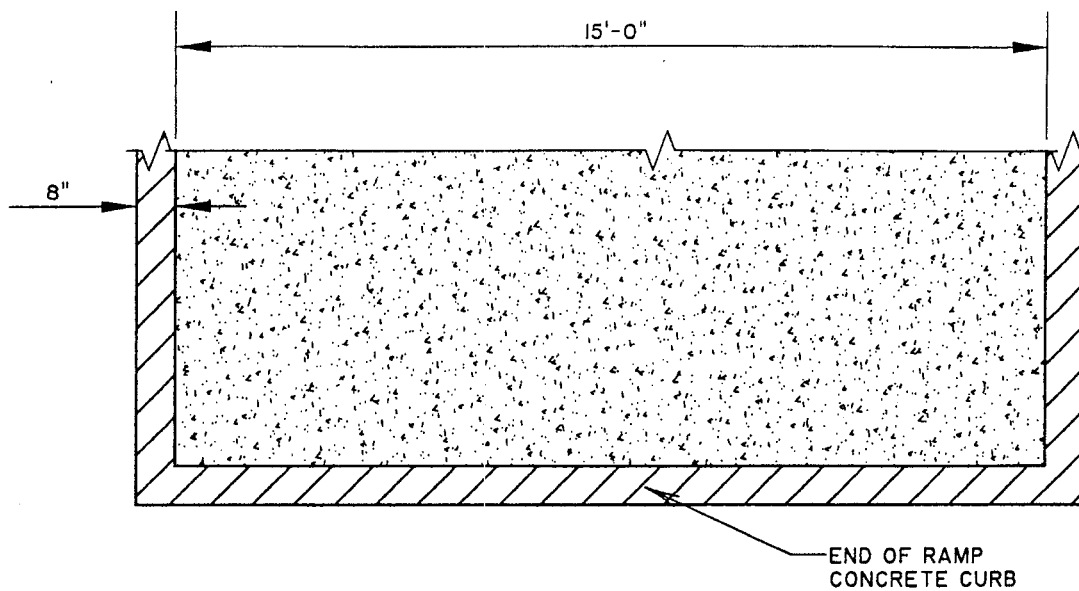
# BOAT RAMP PROFILE

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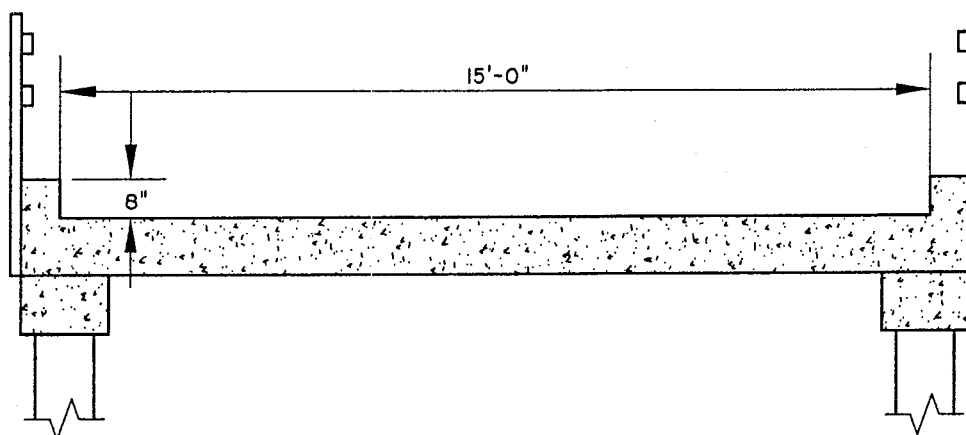
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PLAN VIEW

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SECTION VIEW

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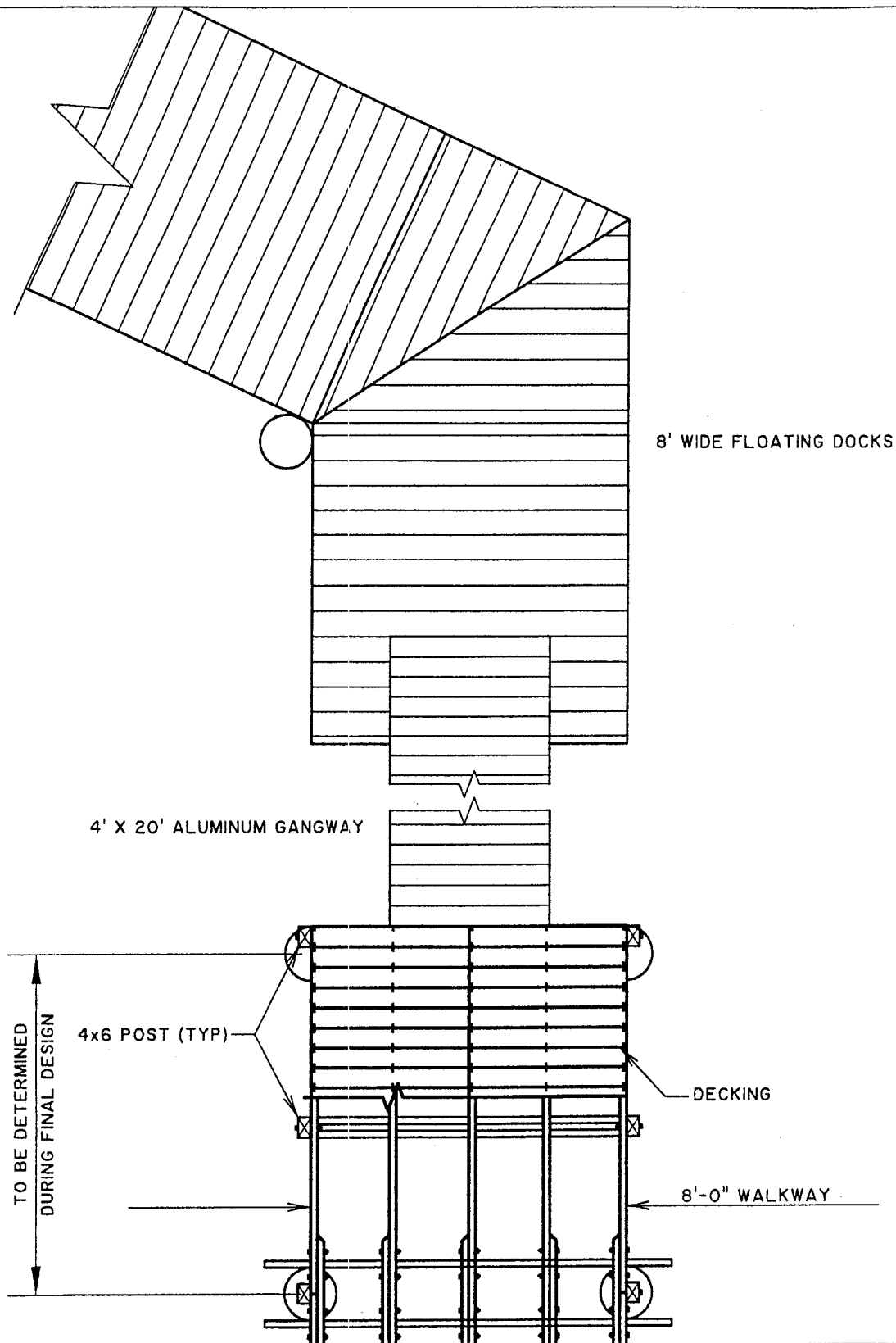
## RAMP DETAIL

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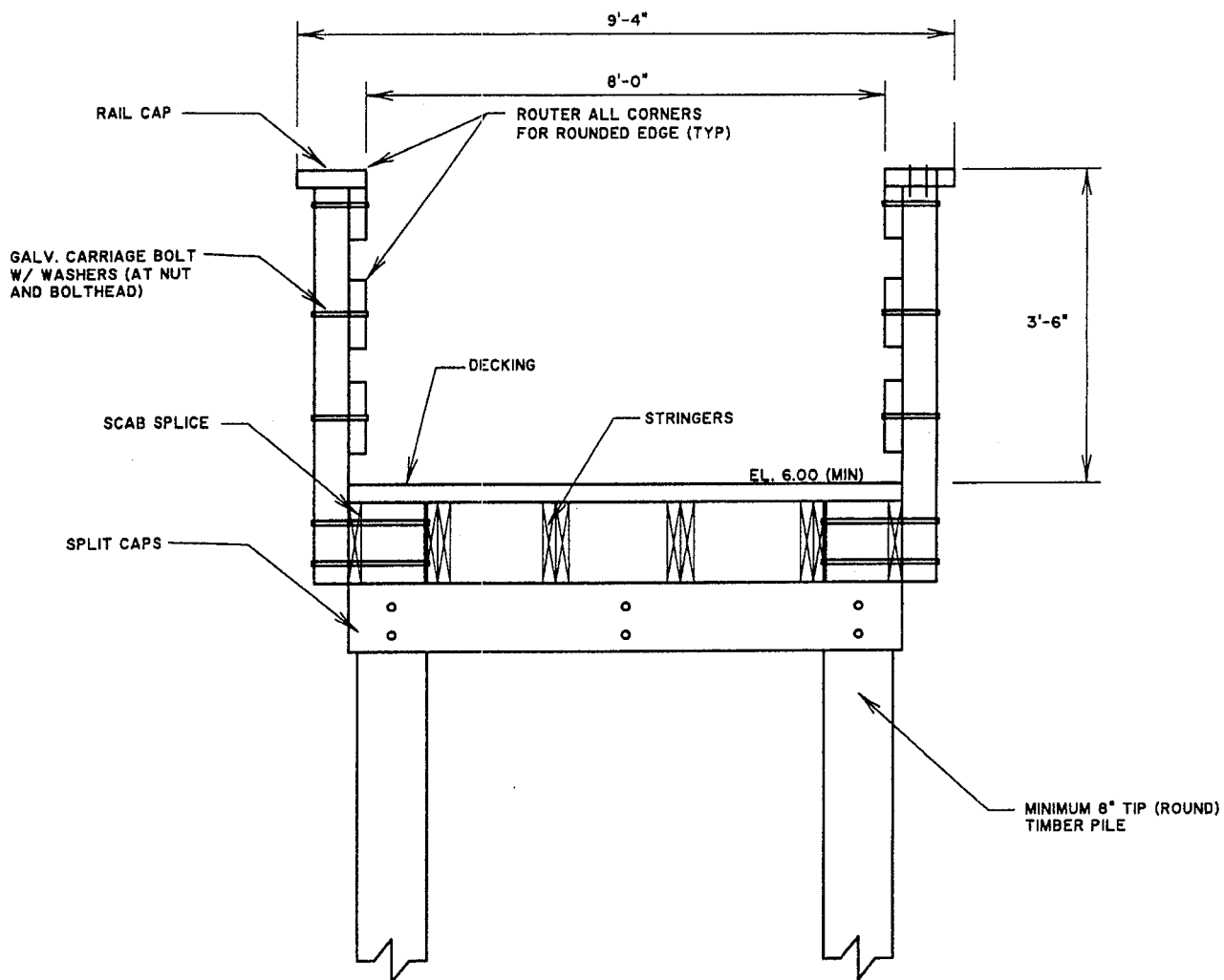
## WALKWAY TO FLOATING DOCK CROSS SECTION

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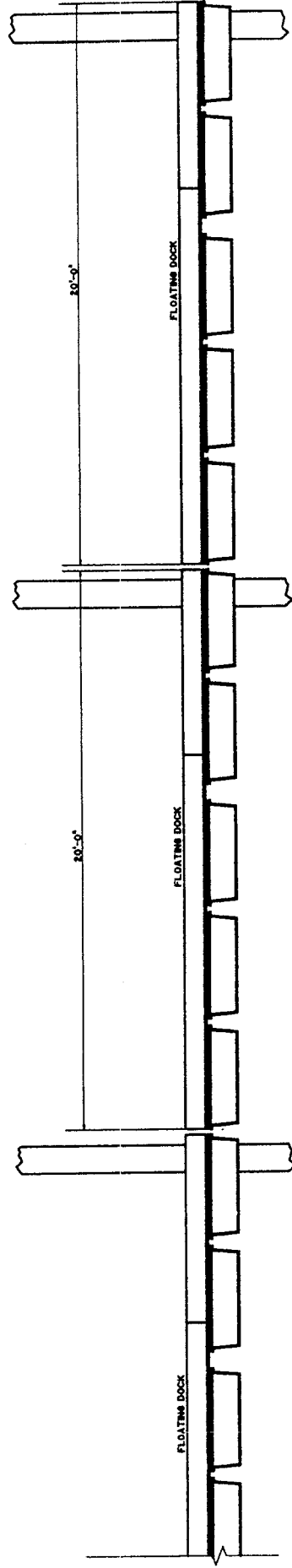
# WALKWAY TO FLOATING DOCK CROSS SECTION

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## 120' FLOATING DOCK SYSTEM

**CROSS SECTION**  
FLOATING DOCK SECTION

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